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Dear [name]

**Vision Group Holdings Limited application for authorisation A91213/7**  
**- interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from Vision Group Holdings Limited. The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Vision Group Holdings Limited has sought authorisation to enable it, its employees and ophthalmologists engaged as consultants at Vision Group Clinics to discuss and, if relevant, agree and implement fees to be charged to patients for ophthalmology services supplied at Vision Group branded clinics.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website <[www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister](http://www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister)>.

**Request for submissions**

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the application for authorisation, please do so by **30 April 2010**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Erin Donohue on (02) 6243 1291 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

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## Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

<b>29 March 2010</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>7 April 2010</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>30 April 2010</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>14 May 2010</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>June 2010</b>	Draft determination.
<b>June/July 2010</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>July/August 2010</b>	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Erin Donohue on (02) 6243 1291.

Yours sincerely



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**Vision Group Holdings Limited application for authorisation A91217**  
**Interested Parties Consulted – 7 April 2010**

1. Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association
2. Australian Health Insurance Association Ltd
3. Australian Health Service Alliance
4. Australian Medical Association
5. Australian Medical Council
6. Australian Institute of Eye Surgery
7. Australian Institute of Medical Scientists
8. Australian Neurovision Centre
9. CHOICE
10. Consumers Health Forum of Australia
11. Department of Health and Ageing
12. Department of Health (ACT)
13. Department of Health (New South Wales)
14. Department of Health (South Australia)
15. Department of Health (Queensland)
16. Department of Health (Western Australia)
17. Department of Health and Community Services (Northern Territory)
18. Department of Health and Human Services (Tasmania)
19. Laser Sight
20. Optometrists Association of Australia
21. Orthoptic Association of Australia
22. Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
23. The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
24. The Neuro-Ophthalmology Society of Australia